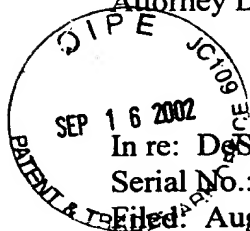


Attorney Docket No. 5051-441

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re: De Simone et al.  
Serial No.: 09/641,815  
Filed: August 18, 2000  
For: CARBON DIOXIDE-SOLUBLE POLYMERS AND SWELLABLE  
POLYMERS FOR CARBON DIOXIDE APPLICATIONS

Examiner: N. Preisch  
Group Art Unit: 1764

September 9, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of two (2) months to respond to the Official Action dated April 9, 2002.

2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

☒ is filed herewith.

☐ has been filed.

3. Applicant:

☐ Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ Does not claim small entity status.

4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)):

Total Months Requested	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	\$400.00	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$920.00	\$460.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$1,960.00	\$980.00

Fee Enclosed \$400

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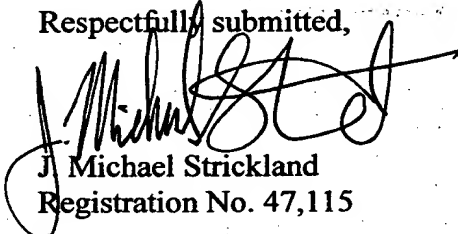
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- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed.
- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,

  
J. Michael Strickland  
Registration No. 47,115

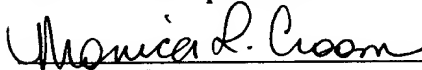


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#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on September 9, 2002.

  
Monica L. Croom